



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
SATO et al. )  
Application Number: 10/614,779 )  
Filed: July 9, 2003 )  
For: OPTOELECTRONIC WAVEGUIDING )  
DEVICE AND OPTICAL MODULES )  
Attorney Docket No. HITA.0414 )

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

The drawings for Figs. 17, 18, 21 and 22 are being resubmitted to correct a minor administrative error in the application. Specifically, the drawings for Figs. 17, 18, 21 and 22 were inadvertently omitted from the filing of this Divisional application. No new matter is being introduced into this application by this submission.